

State of West Virginia  
 Department of Environmental Protection  
 Division of Mining and Reclamation  
**2017 Schedule for Surface Mine Blasters  
 Training & Exams**

<b>Training</b>		<b>Exams</b>	
<b>January</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>12</b>

Notice: This schedule is developed as a forecast of blaster training and exam dates. They may be subject to change. Always contact the Blaster Certification section to register and to confirm dates a minimum of 10 days before appearing at the training or exam. Required application forms and fees must be submitted prior to attendance to the exam. Payments for exam fee and study guide can be made the day of the training or exam. All applicants and attendees should be at the WV DEP office lobby at 7:30-7:45 am to check-in, submit any forms, and pay any fees due. The training session will be from 8 am to 5 pm with a noon break. The exam will begin at 8 am. The training and exams sessions will be conducted at the WV DEP Office located at 601 57<sup>th</sup> Street, SE Charleston, WV 25304. Contact Jim Ratcliff at 304-926-0490 for registration and questions.